



Office of the President



September 29, 2021

Dear Colleagues,

We were notified that a group of students and an employee (Football Program), just tested positive for COVID-19. This cluster of cases is considered an active outbreak by the LA Department of Public Health because at least three persons who tested positive in a 14-day period are epidemiologically linked. As a result, the LADPH issued an official health order for the Football program to shut down. A team from the LADPH will open an investigation into the program's practices and will determine a date that the Football program can resume. In the meantime, LADPH has indicated that Cerritos College can continue operating with its already established health and safety protocols and no additional programs or services need to be shut down at this time.

Since the onset of the pandemic in March 2020, this is the first active outbreak we have had on campus. Just like all other confirmed positive COVID-19 cases, we take this situation seriously and are fully cooperating with the LADPH. We will update the campus if additional updates or information needs to be shared.

Due to privacy laws, we are not able to share the individuals' names or identifying information, however, please be assured that Executive Council is working together to notify any campus community members with whom they may have come in contact.

Students, faculty, and staff presenting symptoms of COVID-19 must immediately home quarantine. Students who develop symptoms can call Student Health Services at (562) 860-2451, ext. 2321 for phone triage, use the Ask a Nurse Practitioner Link or call their primary care provider for medical advice. Employees should call their primary care provider or local public health department for guidance.

Continue to practice social distancing and wear face coverings when you are indoors, regardless of vaccination status. These recommendations are per the LA County Public Health Department. Cerritos College will continue to diligently follow the recommendations of public health officials and infectious disease experts to further reduce community transmission of the virus.

The health and well-being of our campus community continue to be our highest priority. The best place to find information on Cerritos College's response to coronavirus is at <https://www.cerritos.edu/covid-19>.

Thank you,
Jose L. Fierro, D.V.M., Ph.D.
President/Superintendent